

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 5 has been amended. New claim 11 has been added. As a result, claims 1-7 and 9-11 are pending for examination with claims 1 and 9 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 7 9 and 10.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 5 has been rewritten in an independent form to incorporate a portion of the subject matter of allowed claim 1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 5 to address the Examiner's concerns.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claim 11 has been added to further define Applicants' contribution to the art.

Claim 11 depends from claim 5 and is allowable at least for the same reasons. In addition, claim 11 includes portion of subject matter of allowed claim 4 and is allowable for this additional reason as well.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. S1022.81032US00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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